

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-239-C - ORDER NO. 2005-185
APRIL 21, 2005

IN RE: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an)	ORDER ON
Intrastate Universal Service Fund)	CONFIDENTIALITY
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Verizon Communications for a declaration that the confidentiality provisions of Commission Order No. 2005-139 granted to the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (SCTC) should be applicable to Universal Service Fund (USF) filings made by Verizon Communications. We have considered this matter and believe that these confidentiality provisions should actually apply to all telecommunications carriers who submit USF information to the Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS). The same level of confidentiality should apply to USF documents submitted by all carriers. Accordingly, we grant Verizon Communications' request, but hold that the confidentiality provisions of Order No. 2005-139 shall be applicable to all telecommunications carriers that submit USF information to the Commission and to the Office of Regulatory Staff.

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